

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 19, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the courthouse. Commissioner Jack Carpenter and Danny Williams were present as was County Counselor, Ruth Ritthaler and County Clerk Janice A. Fine. Danny Williams opened the meeting with prayer. Amy Goode, Treasurer joined the meeting as an observer.

Minute's approval: Danny Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2016 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting for the Sedan Floral Tax Abatement Program on July 14, 2016 as presented. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent provided his weekly road report. Crews are hauling rock to the following: Rd 28 south of HWY 166, Rd 19 north of the airport, Rd 27 south of Ranch Road, Rd 29 north of Independence Road. Culverts were installed at Rd 27 and Nation area, Rd 27 and Ranch, Hale Cemetery entrance, Rd 29 and Prairie ½ mile north. Commissioners asked Haden to review specific road areas. Haden stated the Cook Bridge Project is moving along quickly and will be complete soon. There was discussion on the project.

Goff Searl made a motion to approve and sign a support letter for Four County Mental Health JAG Application. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to bring commissioners information on the 2017 State Health Plan. State rate versus the county current plan was discussed. Options were presented for commission discussion.

Chairman Searl read a thank you card from FCCLA members thanking commissioners for their support. Commissioners acknowledge the need to support our young people whenever they can. Commissioners received a letter from KWORCC.

Mark Hunter, Camp Director with Quivira Boy Scout Ranch joined the meeting to present a check in the amount of \$580.00 through donations for #4 Rural Fire Department. The camp council will match in the amount of \$500.00. The Boy Scout Ranch appreciates the assistance from our local agencies with a recent fire. Hunter works with the Sheriff Department regarding search and rescue. Future coordination is beneficial for the Scout Ranch, Sheriff's Department, EMS and Fire Departments. Hunter offered that a helicopter pad will be installed for emergency medical needs. An Open House is being planned and the invitation will be sent. Hunter wants to continue to build positive relationships with local entities.

Gary Cude' joined the meeting to discuss issues. The culverts on East County Road were discussed. Commissioner Williams will review the road with Haden and make recommendations.

Larry Markle, County Attorney and Sheriff Newby joined the meeting. Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser joined the meeting to discuss his view on the Sedan Floral Tax Abatement application. Hendren stated the company needs to apply each year. Commissioners review and approve or deny the application each year.

Larry Markle, County Attorney has two issues to discuss with Commissioners. Senate Bill 267 that commissioners need to review and possibly modify the contract with Girard Juvenile Detention

contract. Markle offered background information on current and past use of the contract. Markle made suggestions to commissioners. Markle provided commissioners with a document for them to review. Crystal Wade joined the meeting as an observer. There was discussion regarding a legal matter that the commissioners had an interest in. Markle asked for commissioners decision by noon today.

Sheriff Newby brought information regarding the need for auto repair. Sheriff is requesting a treasurer's check to cover the expense from his funding source. Commissioners approved the expenditure.

Danny Williams made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2016-04 for Sedan Floral Tax Abatement Program. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Department Head joined the meeting to provide commissioners with her monthly financial report. Commissioners stated our solid waste employees are respectful with those we serve.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes with Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor to discuss attorney/client privilege at 9:55 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:05 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Rodney Burns CPA, county auditor joined the meeting to review the 2017 budget proposals. Burns offered that the valuation dropped again this year which impacts the mill levy. Budget and understandings were discussed. Commissioners will continue review of budgets and make recommended changes before Burns completes the budget development. Burns will return on August 8, 2016 for another budget review.

Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser joined the meeting to make commissioners aware of the tax lid bill changes.

Commissioners requested Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor to draft commissioner's response to County Attorney Larry Markle regarding a legal matter. The response was drafted and commissioners signed the document. Chairman Searl will deliver the document to Markle immediately following the meeting.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the mid-month expenditures for July 2016 as follows:

Fund	Amount
General	\$18,987.07
Equip. Reserve	\$499.00
Appraiser	\$70.41
Election	\$35.10
Employee Benefit	\$1,041.74
Health	\$4,621.48
Noxious Weed	\$7,466.56
Road & Bridge	\$44,236.96
Special Law Enforcement	\$1,996.71
County 911	\$94.95

Solid Waste	\$7,228.19
TOTAL Expenditures	\$86,278.17

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl, Chairman, First District Commissioner

Danny D. Williams, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Janice A. Fine, County Clerk